## A STRONG OPENING, BUT LOWER WIND-UP.

GRAIN MARKETS GOOD AND STRONG AT START.

Later a Weaker Feeling Was Developed and Prices Let Down and Closed at a Decline.

There was everything to encourage the bulls in grain yesterday morning, and for some considerable time after the opening ing quite a bullish feeling in the pit. All the markets exhibited strength and from their earlier actions it looked very much as though they were about to close in a stronger position than ever, but such did not prove to be the case as subsequently there was a decided easing off and the final figures showed a loss for the day, instead of a gain, as expected in the higher-priced grain and only a small improvement in the coarser cercals, which appeared to be bet-fer supported. The general run of news was bullish, and especially that coming early in the day, when the markets were

In the case of wheat there was more built backing in the news than has been with the situation exhibited inherent strength until well on towards the close of the day, and in several instances the market was so strong that shorts betrayed alarm over the demonstrations of the buils and advanced prices still more in their efforts to get under over. The market was deviced of extending the control of the prices and the control of the built and advanced prices still more in their efforts to get under over. The market was deviced of extending the control of the built and advanced prices at a control of the built and advanced prices at a control of the built and advanced prices at a control of the built and advanced prices at a control of the built and advanced prices at a control of the built and advanced prices at a control of the day. demonstrations of the bulls and advanced prices still more in their efforts to get under cover. The market was devoid of exciting features, and there was not much movement to prices after the first upturn, until after noon, when there was a change for the worst, prices easing off and the close for the day being at a loss. The opening here was 'ac better on good buying at 74%c for May, and some realizing sales at 74%c, which brought about a recession to 74%5%c, but as the demand still showed no let-up the market in a short time went back to 44%c. In the meantime the July option sold at 73%c, and later was bid 73% for in the meantime the July option sold at 73%c, and later was bid 73% for in the meantime the July option sold at 73%c, and later was bid 73% for in the meantime the July option sold at 73%c, and later was bid 73% for in the meantime the July option sold at 73%c, and later was bid 73% for in the day before cables came in roal strong, Liverpool reporting '34 advance. The Cincinnati Price Current referred to the unprotected condition of the plant and lack of snow in the winter wheat sections, which was considered as builtsh and receipts here, while fair, were not to be compared with the shipments, which were nearly three times as large. There was more strength to be gotten out of the late cables, which reported Liverpool as closing 3d higher for the day, Paris up 3c. Antwerping and Bertin and Buda-Pesth %c better. These strong and bracing cables appeared to have little effect locally, as the May option failed to go above 74%c, and subsequently there was an easing off to 74%c. the cause leading to this being predictions that the shipments from the Argentine for the week would amount to fully 1,500,000

he local corn market Wednesday was as prominent as ever when the market opened resterday, and the greater part of it was sontinued during most of the day. Reseipts were quite large, but country selling was much lighter and there were several willish influences that could hardly be withstood. For instance, there was a prospect for a break-up in the weather, a bull-sh statement from the Cincinnait Price Current, the higher wheat market and irmer cables, all of which had a stimulating effect and brought out good baying or

ON THE CURB-Wheat steady; May 73% 4774c bid; puts, 72% 773%c asked; calls, 74%c 74%c bid. May corn, puts, 39c asked, and sold Sige good next week; calls, 39%c bid.

Traders' Gossip.

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July Corn-May July Onts-May July

## PRODUCE MARKETS.

Local Fruit, Vegetable, Poultry, Egg and Butter Quotations.

Cheese Ouote: Twins 114c; single 114c; Y.
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A. 124c; New York 114c Limburger 114612c;
Swiss 14811c; brick 126114c.

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choice 40. at \$2.15\text{ig.2.40}; choice seedliners at \$1.5\text{ig.1.71}. Frosted and damaged nominally less than foregoing prices. Jobbing prices for per low higher than car lots.

LEMONS—Quote: New Messina at \$2.5\text{ig.1.50} per box; California on trk. at \$2.25 for choice and \$2.60 for fancy, regular sheet; jobbing \$20\$ ligher.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Quote winter Nellia and Eastern Buerre at \$2.5\text{ig.2.20} per \$6.1\text{ib. bex.}; MALAGA GRAPES—Quote at \$1 to \$3 per bold. COCOANUTS—Quotable at \$37.00 per \$1.00—in a goall way at \$4 ter 100.

dos. bunches; old Northern in bous questions of Stylese per 180 lbs. dgl.; on orders dealers charge it per bbl.

TURNIPS—Quote New Orleans (new) at 11.50g 2 per bbl.; old home-grown sell bose at 150200 per bul; on orders 50 per bbl.

SAUERIKRAUT—Sairs 35 bbls. at 33. 1 car half bbls. at 11.55; orders charged higher.

SWEET POTATORS—Home-grown Bermuda sell at 40, yellow at 20c and red Nansemond at the per bu 16.00c, and at 13.5 per bbl. for Hermuda and 52.35 for Nansemond on orders.

SPANISH ONIONS—Quote 11.3541.20 per crate. MUSHROOMS—Duil at 2502cc per lb.

Miscellaneous Markets.

FEATHERS—In demand; steady. Prime live

EUCKWHEAT—Nominal at \$1.2591.25 per 190.
CASTOR BEANS—Big \$1.30 per 0. for prime in car lots; smaller lots and inferior less.

BRIED FRUIT—Exaporated quiet. We quote: Apples—Evaporated: Rings at 254c to 6c, quarters at 26 to 4c; chops at 1.454c, peelings at 14c.

Sun-dried: Quarters at 25274c for rood to 35c for choice, inferior less. Peaches—Fancy evaporated unpseled halves at 4c, and sun-dried at from to 7c per 15.

DRIED GREEN PEASE—Jobbing from store at 51.25 Sectoh 11.35 split \$1.35.

WHITE BEANS—Hand-picked pea beans in a foibling way from store at \$1.25 per bu, screened at 15.25 Sectoh 11.35 split \$1.35.

HONEY—Comb at 16c to 124c—fancy white 156 inferior dark and broken less. Extracted and strained in bbis, at \$555c, and in cans at 7c.

EMPTY BARRELS—Coal oil, turpentine and graoding fly vincear 6c; black oil 6c; lineseed, light oil and varnish 7c; sucar 15c; widsky \$8c; do, half bbis, \$6c; wine \$1; sucerkraut Me; pickle—Ge; molasses 59c; lard tes, 25c af for each booken head or stave, 2c off for each broken head or stave, 2c off for hisken head of that he was a superior of the s

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sale during re nominal at Opin and Ele sellers. Receipts dinments 1,000 bu. New York distributed the control of the c Receipts and Shipments.

WHEAT CLOSED LOWER

IN CHICAGO MARKET.

LIVERPOOL CABLES WERE

STRONG.

Corn Opened Firm and Gained
Slightly—Oats Closed Higher
—Provisions Reacted.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 21.—Local conditions governed the day's changes in all the speculative markets. Nothing of a novel character affecting wheat values came over the wires, except that Liverpool was strong, without bringing buying orders of any consequence. Wheat, after ½c advanced, closed ½c lower than it did yesterlay. Corn improved ½6½c, outs 1-16c, and provisions were a trille lower in the end after a strong opening.

Wheat.

Wheat opened strong, Liverpool lending the encouragement of ½d advance, and Autstream in the contraction of 25 d advance, and Autstream in the

\$2.50 to \$3.25 and steers, 73 to 1,005 lbs., at \$1.25 to \$4.25.

Re-presentative sales:

No. Des. Av. Pr. No. Des. Av. Pr. 2 yearlings 25 42.50 1 cow \$5.0 3.50 15 buils \$88 2.00 1 cow \$5.0 3.50 12 50 com \$5.0 3.50 1 cow \$5.0 3.50 1

SPOT COTTON MARKETS. Futures Closed Higher, but Spots Little Changed. Local Market-Spot cotton dull and unchanged;

Opening of Taylor Avenue, From Chouteau Avenue to Gibson Avenue.

Dated St. Louis, February 12, 1901.

POULTRY. Fowls Declined to Ten and

Cordors \$6125c.

New York, Feb. 21.—Sugar-Raw steady but quiet; reinnel quiet.

New Orleans, Ia., Feb. 21.—Sugar quiet; open kettle 2468 1-15c; do, contrifugal 4645c; contrifugal yellow 44645c; seconds 2546c. Melasses steady; open kettle nono; centrifugal 36 lesses stea

COTTON CROP OF 1899. Census Office Makes the Total

9,644,852 Commercial Bales. amount of cotton ginned in the United States during the census year (crop of 1809). The information was obtained upon a special schedule, and has enabled the Census Office to compute the crop of 1809 as 9,644,852 commercial bales, amounting to 4,672,885,590 pounds, equivalent to 9,345,751 bales of an average weight of 500 pounds.

OBJECTED TO HER MARRIAGE. Missouri Father Asks Police to De